

REMARKS

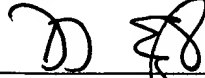
Applicant notes the allowance of Claim 1 and the indicated allowability of Claims 5 and 7-10.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 23, and 24 – 27 stand rejected as obvious over the patent to Debley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,529,671). Claims 4 and 20 stand rejected as obvious over Debley et al. in view of Kelley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,101,925). The examiner has acknowledged that the rejected claims would be patentable over the prior art if the term “evaporator” clearly included the energy source for evaporation. Although Applicant maintains that the claims are patentable without amendment, in the interest of advancing this application, Applicant has amended Claims 2 and 23-27. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

Consideration and allowance of new Claim 28 dependent from Claim 1 is solicited. No new matter has been added.

The application is in condition for allowance. A further and favorable action and allowance of all claims is solicited. If the Examiner finds these arguments non-persuasive, an interview with the Examiner is hereby requested.

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